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SUBJECT: POLITICAL SNIPING ALLUDES TO VERDICT ON LIN CLIQUE

1. THE PEOPLE'S DAILY OF OCTOBER 19 CARRIES WHAT APPEARS TO BE
A PARTICULARLY DARING SNIPE AT SOME POLITICAL FIGURE OR FACTION
BY ALLUDING TO THE VERDICT PASSED ON THE LIN PIAO CLIQUE.
QUOTING REVOLUTIONARY WRITER LU HSUN, WHOSE WRITINGS ARE OFTEN
DRAWN UPON FOR POISON PEN PIECES, THE ARTICLE SAYS LU HSUN " HIT
THE NAIL ON THE HEAD" WHEN HE POINTED OUT THAT " AMONG THOSE WHO
PUT ON THE 'REVOLUTIONARY' MASK AND LIGHTLY SLANDER OTHERS AS
'HIDDEN TRAITORS, COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES, TROTSKYITES' AND
EVEN 'TRAITORS TO CHINA,' MOST ARE NOT JUST AND UPRIGHT
PEOPLE..I EVEN SUSPECT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE ENEMIES."
THE SAME OR SIMILAR WORDS, LABELED HERE AS "SLANDER,"
WERE EMPLOYED IN THE CONDEMNATION OF
LIN AND CHEN PO-TA APPROVED AT THE PARTY CONGRESS IN AUGUST.
THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO CALL FOR BEING SUSPICIOUS, AND FOR
PROCEEDING "FROM DOUBT TO THINKING AND FROM THINKING TO JUDGMENT."

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2. IT WOULD SEEM UNLIKELY THAT THE ARTICLE IS INTENDED AS AN OPEN
DEFENSE OF THE LIN CLIQUE. WE SPECULATE THAT THE THRUST IS AGAINST
SOME ONE, OR SOME FACTION, INVOLVED IN THE CONDEMNATION OF LIN
AND CHEN AND NOW ACCUSED OF BEING NO BETTER THAN THEY.
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